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STATE POLICE INVESTIGATE

BRIDGEPORT POLICE SHOOTING

On 12/08/05 shortly before midnight Bridgeport Police Officers observed a car in the area of East Main and Beardsley Park that was reported stolen. Officer followed that car into a parking lot in an attempt to stop it and apprehend the occupants. As the Bridgeport Officers attempted to approach the car the driver smashed into other parked cars to avoid apprehension by police. The driver then drove directly at the police officers forcing the officers to discharge their weapons. The driver and passenger of the car were struck by Bridgeport Police bullets. The suspect car exited the parking lot and the driver drove to the area of Noble and Livingston where he lost control and struck a pole. Bridgeport Police Officer apprehended two suspects. A third occupant suspect is beign sought. EMS responded to the scene, provided emergency care to both suspects at the scene and transported both suspects to area hospitals.

The scene was secured by Bridgeport Police Officers The Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Squad responded to conduct the investigation into this police shooting. State Police Detectives collected both physical and forensic evidence at the scene. State police detectives also interviewed witnesses to the incident.

The Bridgeport Police Officers are identified as Officer Sean Lynch and Officer Jorge Larregui. The Officers were not hurt in this incident. Both Officers are 5 year veterans and will be temporarily assigned to administrative duty, as is department policy.

The suspects are identified as:

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#1 LONGWA, Xavier DOB: 11/14/86 11 Chadon RD. Seymour, CT. transported to St. Vincent and is reported to be in stable condition with multiple gunshot wounds.

#2 NEWKIRK, Robert DOB: 6/15/86 308 Willow St. Bridgeport, CT. transported to Bridgeport Hospital also reported to be in stable condition with a gunshot wound.

Criminal charges will be lodged against both suspects by Bridgeport Police.

The State Police investigation into the shooting is continuing.

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